

Amendments to the Claims

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1. (currently amended): A power toothbrush comprising:  
a handle;  
a brush head including bristles;  
a brush shaft connected ~~to~~ with said brush head;  
a motor shaft connected with said handle and received in said brush shaft;  
a vibratory means positioned within said motor shaft for causing said bristles to vibrate; and  
a vibration isolation means for reducing vibrations from said vibratory means to said handle.
2. (previously amended): The power toothbrush of claim 1, wherein said vibration isolation means is positioned between said vibratory means and said handle.
3. (previously amended): The power toothbrush of claim 1, wherein said vibration isolation means includes a vibration dampening material positioned between said brush head and said handle to at least partially absorb vibrations caused by said vibratory means.
4. (previously amended): The power toothbrush of claim 1, wherein said vibratory means includes an eccentric motor.
5. (currently amended): The power toothbrush of claim 1, wherein said vibratory means is positioned ~~in~~ near said brush head.
6. (previously amended): The power toothbrush of claim 1, wherein said vibration isolation means is positioned between said brush head and said handle.
7. (previously amended): The power toothbrush of claim 1, wherein said brush shaft and said brush head are integrally formed.
8. (previously amended): The power toothbrush of claim 1, wherein said vibratory means is positioned in said brush shaft.
9. (previously amended): The power toothbrush of claim 1, wherein said vibration isolation means is positioned between said brush shaft and said handle.
10. (currently amended): A power toothbrush comprising:  
a handle;  
a brush shaft;  
a brush head including bristles, said brush head adapted to be connected with said

brush shaft;

a motor shaft connected with said handle and received in said brush shaft;

a vibratory means positioned in said motor shaft for causing said brush head and said bristles to vibrate; and

a vibration isolation means positioned between said vibratory means and said handle for reducing the transfer of vibrations from said vibratory means to said handle.

11. (previously amended): The power toothbrush of claim 10, wherein said vibratory means includes an eccentric motor.

12. (currently amended): The power toothbrush of claim 10, wherein said vibratory means is positioned in-near said brush head.

13. (previously amended): The power toothbrush of claim 10, wherein said brush head and said brush shaft are integrally formed and are adapted to be connected with said handle.

14. (previously amended): The power toothbrush of claim 10, wherein said vibratory means is positioned in said brush shaft.

15. (previously amended): The power toothbrush of claim 10, wherein said vibration isolation means includes a vibration dampening material.

16. (currently amended): A power toothbrush comprising:

a handle;

a brush shaft;

a brush head with bristles connected with said brush shaft; and

an eccentric motor for causing the bristles to vibrate, wherein the eccentric motor is positioned entirely in said brush shaft distal from said handle and oriented parallel to a longitudinal axis of the power toothbrush; and

a vibration isolation means interposed between said brush shaft and said handle for reducing the transfer of vibrations from the brush shaft to the handle.

17. (previously amended): The power toothbrush of claim 16, wherein said vibration isolation means is positioned between the brush head and the handle.

18. (previously amended): The power toothbrush of claim 16, wherein said vibration isolation means is positioned between the brush shaft and the handle.

19. (previously amended): The power toothbrush of claim 16, wherein said vibration isolation means includes a vibration dampening material.

20. (canceled)

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- 20* ~~21.~~ (currently amended): A power toothbrush comprising:  
a handle;  
a brush head including bristles, said brush head ~~attached to~~ connected with said handle;  
a rotary vibratory motor for causing said bristles to vibrate, said rotary vibratory motor positioned entirely in said brush head distal from said handle and oriented parallel to a longitudinal axis of said power toothbrush; and  
a vibration isolation means for reducing the transfer of vibrations from said rotary vibratory motor to said handle.

- 22.* (canceled)  
*23.* (original): A toothbrush, comprising:  
a handle having a first open end;  
a brush shaft having a first end for receipt in said first open end of said handle, and a second end having at least one bristle element extending therefrom;  
a vibration means positioned in said brush shaft adjacent to said at least one bristle element; and

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a vibration damping structure positioned between said first open end of said handle and said first open end of said brush shaft when received in said first open end of said handle, said vibration damping structure comprising:

- a first O-ring positioned around said first end of said brush shaft;  
a second O-ring positioned around said first end of said brush shaft and spaced away from said first O-ring;  
said O-rings forming the sole structural connection between said brush shaft and said handle;  
wherein said vibration damping structure reduces the vibrations caused by said vibration means passing to said handle from said brush shaft.